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Applicant: Yukio UENAKA et al.

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For : A CAMERA SYSTEM HAVING A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

BETWEEN A CAMERA BODY AND A PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 24 of the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the amendment is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

Figure 19B is a timing chart for a handshake operation performed between the camera body and the photographing lens at the commencement of the new-type communication process;

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REMARKS

By the above amendment, the brief description of Figure 19B has been corrected.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Paragraph beginning on page 10, line 24:

Figure 19B [19A] is a timing chart for a handshake operation performed between the camera body and the photographing lens at the commencement of the new-type communication process;